

Divisional of Appl. No. 09/981,707

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REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims taking into consideration the Preliminary Amendment filed with the divisional application on October 2, 2003. The original claims 13-20 should have been canceled from the application but due to an obvious oversight, they were not. Therefore, Applicants now cancel original claims 13-20 without prejudice or disclaimer as being directed to the non-elected invention. Applicants believe that these claims are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112 and are clearly patentable over the references of record in the parent application. Accordingly, entry of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment to cancel claims 13-20 is most respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments to the claims an early and favorable action on the merits is now in order and is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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